Adoption of School Books This Year.

Important Work That is Done Every Seven Years.

The governor will soon appoint the nembers of the State board of edges Too nee board will have great to-prosibility resting up to the shoule, for this fall the adop ion of the est books to be used to the public concols of the State for the next seven yes s will be made. Many questions of the task aboad is no easy one

In order that the board may have the best possible light before it this year on it gete to work State Superta edeas of Historica McMahan is tak tog some preliminary steps that should be of vates. His object is two fold to assist the board in its labors and at the came time secure for the public schools

T storday he cont to each county in the 8 ate the following circular ; Corumbia, S. C., Mareb 13, 1900

Quanty Seperiatendent of Eugostion. Dear Sir: I write to sek you to lewing points:

Pres Are county schools open in year county, and how much longer will they probably be in operation? I am so zione to go to some of the counties and spend a few days visiting the escatry schools

Second. Please send me a list of the School trustees of your county, together

Third. What would be the best time for opening the summer school for tecchers in your county? I wish to sebools, and I wish to suit the convent ence of Acachers, and the special endition of each county. No eshool shoud be permitted to be taught in on fies with the school for teachers Beery teacher should have au oppor secury to attend the professional

Pourth Please let me have the names of the text books that are in most general use is your county. Has your the "s andard" as was provided for in the adoption of 1898?

The foregoing yes will please answer at once You will reconsarily take

come weeks to obtain the information saked for in the following, the fifth

Pifth. Please get out a letter of quiry to all your teachers, white and beach, and obtain from each teacher a his watch, money, a gold and a diashowing the number of books of mond ring." each kied (giving name and author) From these lists you can determine with practical accuracy the total num or of books of each kind that are now a the hands of your eshool shildren This data will be of value to the State board of education in considering the question of adopting new books for the

Is case of the adoption of a new Scot, the State board should require gist. that old books be taken up on terms that will prevent foancial loss to the scople, becon the importance of knowing the number of such books

Yours very traly, Joun McMAHAN,

Ptete Superintendent of Education The following circular letter has also been propored and is being sent out to the State superintendents of other

Calumbia, 8 C., March 12, 1900. State Superintendent of Public Instruc-

Dear Sir : The board of education of this State is charged by law with the adaption of books for the public for seven years, and expires in Novamber of this year

I Very little bas been done in this State toward systematizing a course of study for the public schools I sm sware that in some States much bas been done upon this important subject. and I should be very giad to have the benefis of your experiments and labors; bence I beg you to send me any publications that you may bave on ibis

Il There is a very general opinion that the publishers of text books make great profile and that the prices are some shat controlled by a trust I am very anxious that in the next adoption we shall make such terms as will effect the greatest possible finnancial savings for our school patrons ; beace I wish to have the becefit of the experience of other State apperint indents I therefore ask you to do me the favor of writing to me any suggestions that you think would be beipful I beg of you also to send the fillowing :

apra adoptions. 2 A copy of your contract with publispers.

3 A list of the books now in use in

your State, with pirces. Yours very truly, JOHN MCMAHAN,

State Superintendent of Education That Throbbing Headaene.

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TO BUILD C. A. & C. R. R.

Party of Seaboard Air Line Surveyors at Charleston to Begin Work.

A party of Seahoard Air Line surveyors arrived in the city this morning, and from what can be learned will begin the work of surveying the final line of the pro posed road between Charleston and engineer in Charleston is taken by those who claim to know that work will soon begin on the Chattanooga, Augusta and Charleston Air Line

The engineering corps that reached Charleston this morning is a full one and is in charge of Col R. M Boll ing, who surveyed the preliminary route The surveyors brought with them all of their paraphernalia and trunks and are fully prepared to remain in the vicinity of Charleston for some time. Taking everything into consideration it looks as if the Seaboard Air Line people hope to begin work at an early date. Now that the troubles of the Seaboard Air Line are at an end and the difficulties which they have contended with have been overcome, active steps are being taken to carry out all the plane of the company, which were begun sev eral months ago, the construction of the line between Augusta and Charleston being one c. them.

When the idea of building a road between this city and Augusta was first conceived a corps of engineers was put in the field and a route surveyed, but the final route was never fixed The surveyors that arrived this worning are here for the purpose of making the final survey, which. when completed, it is understood, work on the road will begin .-Charleston Post

Robbed the Dead.

New York, March 14 - A correspondent of the Evening Post writing from Manila under date of Feb 2, says: "When Gregorio del Pilar's body was found American soldiers stripped it of every bit of elothing, taking the ringe from the fingers and a looket from the neck. Not a stitch of any kind was taken for souvenire. For two days the body was left by the roadside unburied, dirt. Among the things taken were

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Mr Neill's Back Down.

We do not know why it is so late coming to light, but the Financial Chronicle of March 10th calls atten a letter from Mr Henry M Neill, the cotton crop

He starts out with the attempt : "I

After declaring that the system bad worked with approximate accu racy for 20 years, he goes on to say : discover and cannot yet do so, but I have latterly heard of many remarka ble cases of disappointing results in the final counting up of individual crops He then goes on to recite at some detail the experience of a farm er, name not given, on 500 acres of land in Alabama where, with expectation of making a full crop, the yeld had turned out 23 per cent less than the year previous and for which results the farmer was absolutely unable to account. Mr Neill adds :

"Nor can I myself discover any reason, either in this case or others which have come before me. I do not intend to make any second esti 1. A copy of your school law bearing mate, but I think it due to my friends to admit that I fully acknowl edge that my system, although carried out as faithfully as in all previous occasions, has this time unaccountably failed "

Unfortunately for the farmers who failed to receive a proper price for their cotton because of the unwar ranted estimates of the crop by Mr Neill, and for the British spinners break of the bubomic plague here has whose faith in this estimate kept been semi efficially recognized as of a them from buying lower priced cot 'mild type. There have been 25 ton, Mr Neill's explanation comes deaths within two months. have proved their matchless worth for Sick

ad Nervous Headaches, They make pure

bleed and strong Nerves and build up your

too late to be of practical service

The public, perhaps, will have to

accord Mr Neill sincerity in his

explanation, but at the same time, all city has decided to extend a call to too late to be of practical service bealth Beer to take. Try them. Only 25 must admit that it is a very lame and Rev. R. W. Barnwell of Florence,

McKinley's Measure Passes the Senate.

Washington, March 16 -The Puer to Rico appropriation bill was pass ed by the senate today Its text

"Be it enacted, etc, that the sum of \$2,095,455, being the amount of customs revenue received on impor tations by the United States from Puerto Rico since the evacuation of Puerto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 18th of October, 1898, to the Augusta at once The arrival of the first of January, 1900, shall be placed at the disposal of the presi dent, to be used for the government now existing and which may hereaf ter be established in Puerto Rico. and for public education, public works, and other governmental and public puposes therein; and the said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified, out of any moneys in the treasury not oth erwise appropriated "

This relief appropriation bill, rec ommended in a special message by some time .- Col. cor. News and Cou-President McKinley, follows a debate, rier. at times spirited, extending over parts of two days Before its passage Mr Allen, Nebraska, offered an amendment to the bill, declaring that the constitution extends over Puerto Rico by its own force, but it was lost by the decisive vote of 36 to 17 Mr Jones of Arkansas withdrew a free trade amendment offered by him, and that proposition therefore did not reach a vote Other efforts to amend the bill were fruitless

Cremated by 300 Tons of Molten Metal

Pittsburg, March 16 -By the fall of a "hang" at the Monongahela Fornance company at McKeesport today one man was cremated, two fatally burned and two others badly injured.

George Martin is the cremated man George Curven and Sydney Jackson were so badly burned that their recovery is impossible. Stephen Stoboswich and John Boreneck were badly burned but will recover.

Explosions of this character are frequent in this section, but the disap. pearance of Martin lends an air of mystery to the affair that makes it unique. Three bundred tons of molten ore, coke and minerals, used in the production of pig iron became fast in the furnace and Martin and Curwen, as top fillers, tried to dislodge it. Sud until its odor was offensive and some denly the entire mass foll, compressing Igorrates were ordered to cover it with the gas below and causing a terrific

> Not a travee of Martin's body can be found Curven, when discovered was in horrible shape and can hardly live antil morning. The other men who were at the bottom of the furnace fared some better, but Jackson is so badly burned that his recovery is next to im-

The Shamrock Today.

All England is wearing the shamrock today. And England is everywherealmost For this is Saint Patrick's day, and he loved the shamrock, and he and it are indissolubly linked with the loue and tradition of old Erin, and the stardy Irish soldiery have been fighting the queen's battles uobly This is the first time in the history of the empire tion to the fact that Messrs Neill that by proclamation of her majesty in Brothers' February circular contains council the shamrock will be worn by nobleman and by peasant throughout dated at New Orleans, Feb 1st In the length and breadth of the realm this letter Mr Neill seeks to explain, For it is to the gallant sons of Erin or rather to account for his inability that England owes whatever of victory to explain why he so over estimated she has gained in the far off land of Boer and burgher

Just why they celebrate the 17th have told you for some time that I day of March Irishmen can hardly tell of SAMUEL E NELSON, decreased was forced to fear, if not to absolute you. Some say it is Saint Patrick's These are therefore to cite and admonish rainfall which it had experienced devout observed the 9:h, and another vim Then it was that a wise old ed priest ended all dispute by saying that since the factions could not "split the "Why it has now failed I could not difference" they could accept the sum of 8 and 9; and this they did .- State

Charleston Jury Muddle.

Charleston, S. C., March 13 -The Charleston bar is in no end of a legal muddle During the winter some of its members went to work and had a new jury law passed for this county. Before the new statute could become operative it was found that jurore drawn under the old one were illegal ly drawn In the meantime the February term of court came on Now it developes that a question will be raised as to the constitutionality of the new law The matter will be debated at length Monday before Judge Gary Should he hold that the law is unconstitutional no jury trial can be held here for 18 months There was a meeting of the bar association to discuss these matters today, but no satisfactory conclusion was

Beunos Ayres, March 14 .- The out-

some. Money back if not cured. Sed lby J unsatisfactory excuse. - The Augusta who preached here by invitation two Sundays ago

A Bleachery at Last.

At last South Carolina is to have her big bleashery and the cotton mills will no longer have to send their product to the East for finishing In connection with the bleachery a cotton factory is to be operated The commission bas already been issued by the Secretary of State The corporators of the concern which is to be known as the Clear Water Beachery and Manufacturing Company, are: Charles Estes, Tho-Barrett, Jr., F B Pope and Landon A Thomas, Jr, all of Atlanta, Ga. The plant is to be located at Clear Water. in the county of Aiken. This Clear Water section is said to have as five water for bleaching purposes as can be found in the country The capital stock is to be \$300 000, divided into shares at \$100 each The company eets forth its purpose in this wise: "The manufacturing, spinning, bleach ing, dyeing, printing, finishing and selling of all goods of every kind of cotton or wool." The organization of this enterprise has been talked of for

A gentleman living near town showed the editor of the News a coun terfeit quarter last Tuesday which he had taken. It is probable that a lot of these coins are in circulation in this community and those having money changed should be on the lookout -Darlington News.

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E. F BURROWS, J. M KNIGHT, Supervisors of Registration Sumter Co.

State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF SUMTER

By T. V Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge WHEREAS, W. B. NELSON, made soit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects

schools for a period of not less than five iy conclude, that my usual system of birthday. So long ago lived the patron full and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Samuel E Nesson, late of the said Samuel E Nesson, late of the said County and State, deceased, that they a minute and continuous study of the day is shrouded in some obscurity. be and appear before me, in the weather--say the temperature and There is a legend that one set of the Court of Propate, to be held at Sumter C. H. on March 29th, 1900, next, after throughout the cotton states-had the 8th of March until contentions noon, to show cause, if any they have, why publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forearose and the shillalah was plied with a the said Administration should not be grant-

Given under my hand this 15th day of March, A. D , 1900 THOS V. WALSH,

Judge of Probate.

March 15--2t

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Speaking of her case, Mrs. Hurd says: "I was troubled for many years with a bad skin disease. My arms and limbs would break out in a mass of sores, discharging yellow matter. My neck began to swell and became very unsightly in appearance. My body was covered with scrofulous eruptions. My eyes were also greatly inflamed and weakened, and they pained me very much. My blood was in a very bad condition and my head ached severely at frequent intervals, and I had no appetite. I had sores also in my ears. I was in a miserable condition, I had tried every remedy that had been recommended, and doctor after doctor had failed. One of the best physicians in the state told me I must die of scrofulous consumption, as internal abcesses were beginning to form. I at length was told of Dr. Johnston, of Detroit, and his famous Sarsaparilla. I tried a bottle, more as an experiment than anything else, as I had no faith in it, and greatly to my agreeable surprise, I began to grow better. You can be sure I kept on taking it. I took a great many bottles. But I steadily improved until I became entirely well. All the sores healed up, all the bad symptoms disappeared. I gained perfect health. and I have never been troubled with scrofula since. Of course an old lady of 83 years is not a young woman, but I have had remarkably good health since then, and I firmly believe that JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA is the greatest blood purifier and the best medicine in the wide world, both for scrofula and as a spring medicine." This remarkably interesting old lady did not lok to be more than sixty, and she repeated several times, "I believe iny life was saved by JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA."

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